

In the Specification

Applicant presents a replacement paragraph below indicating the changes with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 9, line 20 with the amended paragraph as follows:

The formation or manufacture of an upper (3) for an item of footwear typically involves cutting, shaping, and stitching of a flexible material, such as real or imitation leather, around the body (8) of the forming last (5). The formation of the upper (3) takes place predominantly at room temperature and occurs throughout a series of separate operations at several workstations. Once the shoe upper (3) is completed, the last (5) with the formed upper thereon, is ~~mounted on the apparatus (1)~~ and is moved to a workstation (20) specifically designed for injection moulding of a rubber sole (4) onto the upper.